

Sinclair Broadcasting is an example of what is wrong with the media under today's new rules. Instead of feeling an obligation to common standards of journalism, much less decency, they make a mockery of them.

Their decision to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before an election and present it as news shows just how wrong it is to allow the media consolidation that has taken place in recent years. Sadly, the problem is not limited to Sinclair broadcasting, but they are, perhaps, the most blatant example to date.

The airwaves belong to the public, all the public. In return for using public airwaves free of charge to turn a profit, they are in return obligated by law to serve the public interest, the entire public.

In the event of their failure to carry out their obligation, their license to broadcast should be revoked. Control of the airwaves by a select few, acting in their own interest and not in the interest of the common good is a jackbooted step on the road to facism.

While I do not live in their broadcast area, I cannot stand by and idly watch American values eroded by those who claim to champion them yet act only and openly to destroy them.